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**BORDER CRISIS
STARTLING STATS**

"Migration across the southern border is a very market sensitive phenomenon. It reacts sharply to news in Central America, Mexico, about perceived changes and enforcement policy. So, I am quite sure that the ending of Title 42 is big news right now in Central America. Amplified by the smugglers who make money off of this type of thing."

- Former Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, April 7, 2022¹

MAR. 2022 ENCOUNTERS

221,303

MAR. 2021 ENCOUNTERS

173,277

- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been over **2.4 million migrant encounters** at the Southwest border.
- In March 2022, there were **221,303 encounters** along the southwest border, including 169,062 single adults (76%), 37,818 family units (17%), and 14,167 unaccompanied minors (6%).²
 - **28% increase** from March 2021.
 - **542% increase** from March 2020.
- This is the **highest number of monthly encounters in the last two decades**.
- The Biden border crisis is spilling over to other areas of the United States.
 - Only six months into Fiscal Year 2022, CBP has already had a total of **1,217,802 nationwide total encounters**.
 - In March 2022 alone, **over 62,000 migrants evaded Border Patrol Agents. That's an average of about 2,000 migrants a day.**³
- March was the **13th straight month with more than 150,000 encounters** – a trend never before recorded.
- CBP expelled **only 50%** of individuals under Title 42 in March 2022, again highlighting the Biden administration's refusal to fully utilize the public health authority.
- Once Title 42 is terminated, CBP expects to encounter up to **18,000 migrants per day**.

¹ <https://www.foxnews.com/media/obama-homeland-security-sec-title-42-big-news-central-america-amplified-smugglers>

² <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

³ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/62000-illegal-immigrants-border-patrol-agents-march>



Significant Rise in Drugs & Crime

- The Biden border crisis is much more than migrants seeking asylum – **criminals, weapons, drugs, and trafficked persons** are coming across our border in record numbers.
- The **Biden administration's policies continue to line the pockets of the cartels and human traffickers** who have profited exorbitantly from the rollback of commonsense border security policies.
 - **Violent cartel and gang activity is re-emerging** as illegal drugs continue to pour over the border.
- **Cartels are having their best year yet, thanks to the Biden administration.**
 - Migrants are coming from all over the world because they know they can get in – Border Patrol has turned into a transportation hub for cartels.
 - CBP agents have said that the smugglers and cartels are charging at least \$12K a person to come across the border.
 - Most migrants can't afford to pay to cross the border, so they have to work off their debts once they're in the United States.
 - Border Patrol is referring to this as a form of modern-day slavery.
- In the first half of FY 2022, CBP has already arrested **9,399** individuals attempting to illegally cross the border with **criminal convictions** and **321 known gang members**, including **128** members of **MS-13**.
- So far, in FY 2022, CBP seized **340,000 pounds of drugs**.
- Fentanyl seizures continue to skyrocket. **Fentanyl seizures increased by 55%** in March 2022 from February 2022. So far this fiscal year, CBP has seized **5,300 pounds of fentanyl**.
 - According to the CDC, the U.S. recently recorded its highest number of **drug-overdose deaths** in a 12-month period, eclipsing 105,000 for the first time.
 - Fentanyl is now the **leading cause of death** of Americans aged 18 to 45 years old.
 - CBP has seized enough fentanyl so far this year to kill 2.4 billion people, **over seven times the U.S. population**.